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SUBJECT:BRITISH REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN RESUPPLY  
OF KENYA

REF: LONDON 12331

1. YOU MAY TELL THE BRITISH THAT WE BELIEVE THE URGENCY  
FOR THESE WEAPONS HAS PASSED, AND THAT EXTRAORDINARY  
STEPS TO HASTEN THEIR DELIVERY NOW MIGHT WELL PUT US IN  
THE POSITION OF SEEMING TO INCREASE TENSIONS IN THE AREA.  
MOREOVER, THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO  
US SOME CONCERN OVER THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO OUR AIRCRAFT  
AND SHIPS WHICH VISITED KENYA IN JULY, AND WE DOUBT THEY  
WOULD WANT ANOTHER SUCH HIGHLY VISIBLE ELEMENT OF US  
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PRESENCE AS AN AMERICAN AMMUNITION AIRLIFT, ESPECIALLY NOW

THAT A TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

2. AS FOR THE NEED TO REASSURE KENYA, PARA 3 REFTEL, WE  
BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE IMMEDIATE SEA  
SHIPMENT OF THE ITEMS, ALONG WITH CONTINUED SEARCH FOR  
FEASIBLE AND INEXPENSIVE AIR CARGO ROUTES ON A CONTINGENCY  
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